(d) Adequate penalty clauses exist in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 in which such acts are punishable by imprisonment of 3 months or with a fine of Rs. 5,000/- or both.

Supply of LNG from Iran

*335. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iran had agreed to supply Liquified Natural Gas to India through pipeline by the end of 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that Iran now propose to supply the Gas through ships; and

(c) by when the delivery is expected?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, under Indo-Iran Bilateral Co-operation there is a proposal to explore the possibility of onshore or offshore gas pipeline and the import of Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) from Iran to India. For the pipeline project Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) from India and National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) from Iran have been nominated as nodal agencies by the respective Governments. Time frame for Indo-Iran pipeline project can only be known after the techno-economic viability of this project, based on Detailed Feasibility Report, is established.

Export Facilities

†*336. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allotted money to various States for setting up facilities for export in their respective States to boost export from the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.